

# **Ways to Help Your Children Develop a Love of Reading**

- **Vary the types of reading students do:**
  - **Just Right Reading - Select books they can read independently (95-100% accuracy).**
  - **On Your Own or “Book Looking” - anything of interest.**
  - **Read Aloud – Books they cannot read independently. Don’t forget to include nonfiction.**
- **Read several books around one topic.**
- **Read several books by one author.**
- **Read several books in one genre (memoir, editorials, plays, fantasy, historical fiction, realistic fiction, feature articles, fairy tales).**
- **Partner read the text.**
- **Read aloud even if the child can read the text.**
- **Read the same book and talk about it.**
- **Limit video game and television time.**
- **Make the reading environment pleasurable (cozy spot, special snack).**
- **Encourage reading by allowing kids to read in their beds.**
- **Let children have more than one book to read at night.**
- **Connect books from school and home – let the books travel.**
- **Get books to support their interests - you might include sports books, horse books, or books about dance.**